

Senate Resolution 12 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

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1 A Resolution urging Congress and the President of
2 the United States to enact new legislation on the
3 federalization of national guard forces.

4 WHEREAS, state militias, now known as the national
5 guard, have been a bulwark of this nation's military
6 defense system since 1776; and

7 WHEREAS, the Iowa National Guard is the direct
8 descendant of the state militias that served our
9 country through the Civil War, with the Iowa Militia
10 being designated in 1877 as the Iowa National
11 Guard; and

12 WHEREAS, in times of peace the members of the
13 Iowa National Guard have long provided relief and
14 assistance during floods, tornadoes, blizzards, and
15 civil disturbances; and

16 WHEREAS, in times of war, from Pea Ridge to Iraq and
17 Afghanistan, the soldiers of Iowa's National Guard,
18 all volunteers, have stepped forward in defense of our
19 state and nation; and

20 WHEREAS, now in the 21st century America relies on
21 the citizen-soldiers of the guard like never before,
22 from providing cybersecurity to piloting Predator and
23 Reaper unmanned drones, while still providing the
24 traditional role as "boots on the ground"; and

25 WHEREAS, over the past 10 years, national guard
26 units have completed multiple deployments and upgraded
27 both skills and equipment; NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa Senate
2 respectfully urges the Congress of the United States
3 to enact legislation to require prior congressional
4 approval of a request made by the President of the
5 United States for the federalization of national guard
6 forces for a period of more than 180 days; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
8 this resolution be transmitted to the President of
9 the United States, the President and Secretary of the
10 United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the
11 United States House of Representatives, and to members
12 of the Iowa congressional delegation.